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12 Wing Shearwater celebrates as they put one past 8 Wing Trenton during the finals of the CF National Old Timers Hockey Championship. Representing the Atlantic region, 12 Wing Shearwater ousted 8 Wing Trenton 5-2, taking this year's title back to Nova Scotia. See more on page 2

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From March 24-30, CFB Esquimalt's Wurtele Arena hosted the CF National Old Timers Hockey Championships. Five teams - CFB Esquimalt, CFB Ottawa, CFB Edmonton, 8 Wing Trenton and 12 Wing Shearwater - represented five regions across the country and squared off for 2012 bragging rights.

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Semi-final #2
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CF policy highlights support for transsexual personnel

Ben Green
Staff Writer

Last month, a CANFORGEN was released to highlight the implementation of the Canadian Forces Military Personnel Instruction 01/11, Management of CF Transsexual Members.

The policy gives clear direction to CF leadership on the specific management considerations associated with CF transsexual members, and provides CF personnel background information on the condition, its treatment, and their responsibilities in preventing discrimination and harassment towards persons with variations in gender identity.

"In 2008 there was a confluence of events that led us to initiate work on drafting a policy for CF transsexual members," explains Maj Apollo Edmilao, a policy analyst and advisor with the Directorate of Human Rights and Diversity, and the person responsible for the drafting, staffing, and dissemination of the policy. "We assisted one unit as it prepared to employ a transsexual member while also helping a couple of other units in dealing with CF members who were transitioning in the workplace. Each situation posed similar challenges that we thought could be addressed by an administrative policy."

A transsexual person has a psychological need to belong to, or identify with, the opposite sex and to live life as a member of that sex. This is often done through

a process called "transitioning", in which the person modifies their physical characteristics to be consistent with their gender identity. This is to give the individual a "real-life experience" of what it is to live life in their target gender.

Maj Edmilao drew on the expertise of medical specialists inside and outside of the CF, and also liaised with legal advisors within the Judge Advocate General and Public Labour Law organizations in order to form the policy. He says the policy is directly geared

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towards transsexual personnel as they are the only group under the transgender umbrella that impacts the workplace in a very significant way.

"Since the military recruits, clothes, trains, and houses its members, there are very specific areas within the CF that need to accommodate a transsexual when they reach the point in their treatment that calls for transitioning in the workplace."

While not all aspects of the treatment of transsexual

personnel will affect the workplace, Maj Edmilao says it is the CF's obligation to consider accommodating a member's needs if/when it reaches that point. As the policy states, this should be done in a supportive, positive environment, free of bias or prejudice.

"Discriminatory behaviour, harassing behaviour, these manifestations of human interaction are usually based on ignorance and lack of awareness," he says. "The issuance of this policy is not only practical, but also explicitly lays out the CF organization's zero tolerance for discrimination or harassment from its members towards others."

The policy outlines the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved, specifically the unit/commanding officer, the CF transsexual member, as well as the CF health care provider.

Being the policy OPI, Maj Edmilao says any questions from unit chains of command regarding this subject may be directed to him by phone 613-971-0489 or by email apollo.edmilao@forces.gc.ca. Any CF transsexual members seeking assistance, information, or support should contact their immediate chain of command.

Any CF member with gender identity issues or concerns should contact the medical staff at their assigned Care Delivery Unit of their supporting CF medical clinic.

For more information, the entire policy can be read at <http://cmp-cpm.forces.mil.ca/mpi-ipm/doc/01-11-eng.pdf>.

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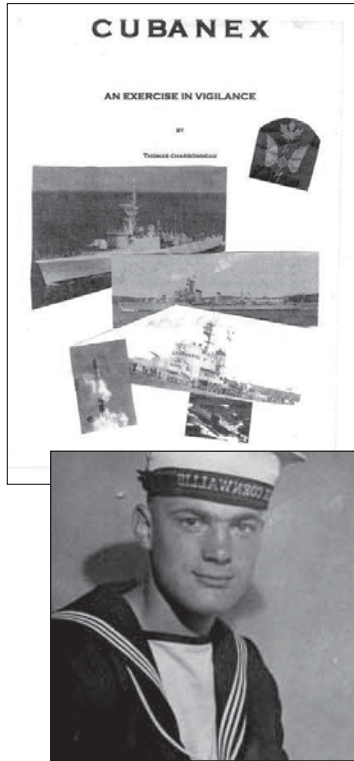
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From Oct. 22-28, 1962, the world watched with abated breath as the Soviet Union and the U.S. flexed their collective muscles over a small island nation just miles off the Florida coast. While the Cuban Missile Crisis, as it was to be known, has largely been documented in the American history books, the Canadian involvement in those dramatic seven days has been

quite often overlooked.

In the hopes of garnering recognition for the Canadian military personnel involved, Maj (Ret'd) Thomas Charbonneau, a 24-year veteran of the Royal Canadian Navy and the Canadian Forces Primary Reserve, has written and published a book called "CUBANEX: An Exercise in Vigilance."

Using a degree of artistic privilege, he looks to retell a piece of Canadian history that has been "left on the shelf" in the decades following the crisis.

"I wanted to join others like Cdr B. German, RCN, Jack Granastein, and Peter C. Neuman, to name a few, who have written about the subject," says Maj (ret'd) Charbonneau from his home in the Ottawa Valley. "While they wrote from a strict historical perspective, I chose to put a human face on the story, so I used fictional characters and three fictionalized ships to tell a story that was beyond sonar, submarines, and torpedoes."

The book follows the exploits of fictional HMC Ships *Tomsen*, *Middleville*, and *Salish*, as well as a handful of their crew from the Radio Special Branch. In reality, the three vessels are supposed to represent HMC Ships *MacKenzie*, *Lanark*, and *Nootka*,

which were deployed during the crisis. For Maj (ret'd) Charbonneau, being a member of the Supplementary Radio Branch in *HMCS MacKenzie* in 1962/1963 made him privy to much of the story's historical information, but he says the book is not autobiographical.

"The difficulty was weighing the overall security aspects of the story because some parts of the tale are still classified and I did not want to compromise these issues," he says. "So I researched material in the public domain and when satisfied that I wasn't over-stepping the bounds of secrecy, then I was comfortable writing about it."

After liaising with some of his old shipmates from the early 60s, he decided that writing the book with a blend of fact and fiction would provide people both an entertaining and informative read.

"Venues described in the book are factual and are well known to naval personnel in both Halifax and Esquimalt; as are techniques and activities carried out on these ships," he says.

However, he believes the Canadian involvement in the crisis is something that has been fictionalized for too long now, and hopes his book will provide some recognition for those who

served.

"We did what we collectively had to do, and we did it with professionalism and resolve," he says. "No one questioned why we were involved, we just were and we made a big difference in the overall outcome."

Maj (ret'd) Charbonneau says to date he has readers across Canada, the U.S. and into the U.K.

"While I have written many treatises and articles in my past, this is my first attempt at an historical novel," he says. "It has been a labour of love, a long haul, but I firmly believe it is a story that needs to be shared yet again."

For every book sold, Maj (ret'd) Charbonneau is donating \$1 to the Royal Canadian Navy Benevolent Fund. The fund provided support for medical bills when his first child was born with spinal meningitis in 1963.

"I never forgot that and decided that I wanted to give something back to them," he adds. "I am not out to make a lot of money for myself. I am comfortably retired these days, but I wanted to do something and not be seen as 'self-serving'. Hopefully whatever I can return to them will help others who need it."

To order a copy of the book visit his website at www.wild-womanpublishing.ca.

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The following promotions and appointments for CF senior officers will take place in 2012:

Rear-Admiral R.A. Davidson will be promoted Vice-Admiral and appointed Canadian Military Representative to NATO, in Brussels, Belgium, replacing Vice-Admiral J.A.D. Rouleau, who will be retiring.

MGen J.R. Ferron will be appointed Deputy Commander, NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan, in Kabul, Afghanistan, replacing MGen M.D. Day.

MGen E.N. Matern will be appointed Commander Canadian Defence Liaison Staff (Washington), in Washington, D.C., replacing Rear-Admiral R.W. Greenwood, who will be retiring.

Acting MGen M.D. Day will be promoted to MGen and appointed Director General International Security Policy – Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy) at NDHQ, in Ottawa.

BGen M.R. Dabros will be appointed Commander Canadian Defence Liaison Staff (London) in London, England, replacing Commodore K.E. Williams, who will be retiring.

Commodore J.E.T.P. Ellis will be promoted to Rear-Admiral and appointed Deputy Commander Canadian Expeditionary Force Command, in Ottawa, replacing MGen. E.N. Matern;

BGen J.C.G. Juneau will be appointed Commander Land Forces Western Command, in Edmonton, replacing BGen P.F. Wynnyk.

BGen C.R. King will be appointed Chief of Staff – Vice Chief of Defence Staff at NDHQ, in Ottawa, replacing BGen P.J. Atkinson, who will be retiring.

BGen C.A. Lamarre will be appointed Director General Operations – Strategic Joint Staff at NDHQ, in Ottawa, replacing BGen. C.R. King.

Commodore D.M. MacKeigan will be appointed Deputy Chief of Staff Operations – NATO Maritime Command Centre in Northwood, England, replacing Commodore B.W. Belliveau, who will be retiring.

BGen J.C. Madower will be appointed ISAF Deputy to the Deputy Chief of Staff Communications in Kabul, Afghanistan, replacing Commodore W.S. Truelove.

BGen D.B. Millar will be appointed Assistant Chief of Military Personnel at NDHQ, in Ottawa, replacing BGen J.C. Madower.

BGen S.P. Noonan will be promoted to MGen and appointed Commander Canadian Operational Support Command, in Ottawa, replacing MGen M.E. McQuillan, who will be retiring.

BGen T.E. Putt will be appointed Deputy Commander V (U.S.) Corps in Heidelberg, Germany, for an operational deployment with that Headquarters to the ISAF Joint Command in Kabul, Afghanistan.

BGen A.T. Stack will be appointed Deputy Commander Land Forces Doctrine and Training System, in Kingston, replacing BGen T.E. Putt.

Commodore W.S. Truelove will be promoted to Rear-Admiral and appointed Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, in Esquimalt, replacing Rear-Admiral N.S. Greenwood, who will be retiring.

BGen K.L. Woiden will be appointed Director General Land Reserves, in Ottawa, replacing BGen G.J.P. O'Brien, who will be retiring.

BGen P.F. Wynnyk will be promoted to MGen and appointed Deputy Commander Canadian Army, in Ottawa, replacing MGen A.J. Howard, whose next appointment will be announced at a later date.

Acting BGen J.G.S. Bédard will be promoted to BGen and remains Director General Public Affairs at NDHQ, in Ottawa.

Acting BGen J.R. Giguère will be promoted to BGen and remains Commander Land Forces Quebec Area, in Montreal.

Acting BGen M.A. Matheson will be promoted to BGen and remains Director General Plans – Strategic Joint Staff at NDHQ, in Ottawa.

Acting BGen D.J. Milner will be promoted to BGen and remains Deputy Commanding General III Corps, in Fort Hood, Texas.

Acting BGen R.S. Williams will be promoted to BGen and remains Director General Military Signals Intelligence at NDHQ, in Ottawa.

Capt (N) S.E.G. Bishop will be promoted to Commodore and appointed Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific in Esquimalt, replacing Commodore J.E.T.P. Ellis.

Col S.A. Brennan will be promoted to BGen (acting while so employed) and appointed Chief of Staff Canadian Army, replacing BGen M.R. Dabros.

Capt(N) L. Bisson will be promoted to Commodore and remains Director

General Compensation and Benefits with Military Personnel Command at NDHQ, in Ottawa.

Col W.D. Eyre will be promoted to BGen and appointed Deputy Commander XVIII (U.S.) Corps in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, replacing Brig.-Gen, J.C.G. Juneau.

Capt (N) D.C. Hawco will be promoted to Commodore and appointed Commander Canadian Fleet Atlantic in Halifax, replacing Commodore L.M. Hickey, who has retired.

Col O.H. Lavoie will be promoted to BGen and appointed Commander Land Forces Central Area, in Toronto, replacing Brig.-Gen F.A. Lewis, who will be retiring.

Col R.G. Mazzolin will be promoted to BGen (acting while so employed) and appointed Director General Information Management – Assistant Deputy Minister (Information Management), in Ottawa, replacing BGen S.P. Noonan.

Col A.D. Meinzing will be promoted to BGen and appointed Deputy Director (Plans), Policy and Plans at NORAD Command Centre, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, replacing BGen R.J. Chekan, who will be retiring.

Col J.P.L. Meloche will be promoted to BGen and appointed Commander Canadian Forces Recruiting Group, in Borden, replacing Commodore D.M. MacKeigan.


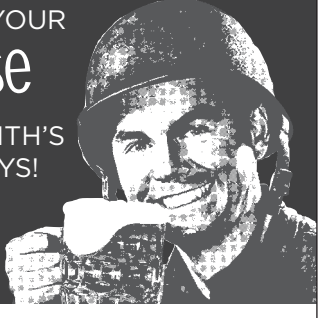
Col P. Ormsby will be promoted to BGen and appointed the Canadian Liaison Officer to the Pentagon, in Washington, D.C.

After distinguished service to the CF and Canada, the following senior officers will complete their careers and retire from the CF in 2012:

- LGen. J.J.C. Bouchard
- Vice-Admiral J.A.D. Rouleau
- MGen. R.V. Blanchette
- Rear-Admiral N.S. Greenwood
- Rear-Admiral R.W. Greenwood
- MGen. M.E. McQuillan
- BGen. P.J. Atkinson
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Ships' companies from the Netherlands (HNLMS De Ruyter), Germany (FGS Rheinland-Pfalz) and Canada (HMCS Charlottetown) competed in soccer, basketball, ball hockey, tug-o-war and a relay race in a sports day designed to build morale and team

spirit among the sailors of SNMG1.

"The team sports really brought the ships together," said Cdr Wade Carter, Commanding Officer of Charlottetown, who played in the ball hockey tourney. "There is a true universal language of sport that enables you to appreciate other people and other countries."

Offsetting the less-than-stellar performance in soccer and basketball, the Charlottetown crew led the field in hockey, tug-o-war and the relay to bring home the SNMG1 Olympic cup.

"The best part of the day was beating the Germans at tug-o-war, because they were the most challenging,"

said LS Gerald Warner. "I was thinking I just want to get this over with so we can win the trophy."

The day finished with an exhilarating relay race in which OS Matthew Huffman anchored the Charlottetown team to victory.

"The hardest part was leaning over the barrel, spinning around 10 times, and then trying to run straight," said OS Huffman

Being in Greece — the country where the first modern-day Olympics were held — was the perfect setting for the competition, said Cmdre Ben Bekkering, commander of SNMG1, who also participated in ball hockey.

"Operation Active Endeavour has built on experience gained over the years, and is becoming network-based and no longer relies on permanently assigned units; therefore, events such as this where we get to know our NATO allies are key to our interoperability."

Charlottetown is currently deployed on Operation Metric, Canada's participation in international efforts to enhance security in and around the Mediterranean Sea. Since mid-January, the Halifax-based frigate has been integrated into Standing NATO Maritime Group 1 and assigned to Operation Active Endeavour.

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Above: Cmdre Ben Bekkering presents HMCS Charlottetown's winning trophy to Cdr Wade Carter after the NATO fleet Olympics. Teams from each ship competed for a trophy after a day of playing different sports during a port visit, while on Operation Active Endeavour in Athens, Greece, on March 16.



Right: LS Chris Warner (front) and his team-mates from HMCS Charlottetown compete at the tug of war.

Now that's refreshing!



PM promotes squadron steward

Ross Lees
Trenton Wing PAO

Good things come to those who wait, and for Master Seaman Steven Boyce of 437 Transport Squadron, his "good thing" came by way of a promotion from a special passenger.

MS Boyce flies on board the CC-150 Polaris, carrying VVIPs such as the Governor General, the Royal Family, or the Prime Minister. He is a steward, which is a Royal Canadian Navy job that primarily involves providing hospitality services.

Because of heavy flying schedules, finding the time for a formal promotion ceremony at 437 Squadron can be challenging. Rather than unnecessarily delay MS Boyce's promotion to

the rank of master seaman, Lieutenant-Colonel Andy Cook, the squadron's commanding officer, authorized Major Gavin Crouch to promote MS Boyce on his behalf during a recent flight.

As it turned out, that flight was carrying Prime Minister Stephen Harper to and from China.

"I had been working with him all flight dealing with him and his wife one-on-one," said MS Boyce.

Prime Minister Harper got wind of the fact that the promotion was about to happen. He offered to become involved and to promote MS Boyce personally – a rare and extraordinary honour for any CF member.

At the end of the 16-hour flight, MS Boyce was called

to the Prime Minister's location on the plane. The Prime Minister and Maj Crouch then presented MS Boyce with his new rank, much to the steward's delight.

"I was definitely surprised," MS Boyce said. "I was kind of caught off guard. It was not something that would normally happen for a promotion. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

MS Boyce, who has served in the Canadian Forces for 10 years, said it was the highlight of his career, even though he has travelled the world and visited every continent except Australia.

"It was a matter of being in the right place at the right time and getting the support of my chain of command," he said.



Photo courtesy Prime Minister's Office

MS Steven Boyce received his promotion to that rank from Prime Minister Stephen Harper recently during the return leg of a flight to China.



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Kids' Easter party

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Oral Health Month

With April being Oral Health Month, 1 Dental Unit Detachment's Dental hygienists are inviting you to join them April 3, between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., at Nelles Block or NOTC Venture to gather some great information about oral health. Attendees have a chance to win an electric toothbrush and other prizes.

Infrastructure for Ill and Injured Personnel Announced

On March 22, Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence, announced plans to construct an \$8.9 million facility at 17 Wing Winnipeg to enhance the delivery of care for Winnipeg's military community. The new facility will optimize the operations of several units whose services are essential to morale and well-being of personnel and their families, including Winnipeg's Integrated Personnel Support Centre, Military Post Office, Dispute Resolution Centre, SISIP Financial Services, and a CANEX retail outlet. Contract tendering, award, and construction is expected to be finished by fall of 2013 with 65 per cent of the facility to be funded publically and 35 per cent from non-public funds.

Commander Stripped of Command

Cdr Larry Jones, former commanding officer of *HMCS Preserver*, has been stripped of his command. Cdr Jones was in charge when the ship rammed into a fixed floating dock at the Halifax Irving Shipyard on Nov. 4, 2011. The navy has yet to complete its official inquiry into the event, but says there is enough evidence for the navy to lose confidence in his ability to command at sea. Cdr Jones has been transferred to a position on shore.

JRCC Assists in Weekend Rescue

On March 24, a 22-year-old woman was airlifted to Victoria General Hospital after falling off a cliff near Sooke. Working with B.C. Ambulance, the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre contacted Canadian Coast Guard ship Bartlett and a Cormorant helicopter from Comox. The woman could not be reached by land, so search and rescue technicians had to hoist down 160 feet to retrieve her. The woman suffered a broken leg, hypothermia, and a few other non-life-threatening injuries.

Workshop Series

During the month of April, the Alzheimer Society of B.C. will host a series of workshops aimed at helping local families understand dementia.

- April 5, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Esquimalt/Westshore Health Unit – Heads Up: An Introduction to Brain Health.
- April 12, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Spruce Room in Centennial Centre – Living with Dementia.
- April 19, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Esquimalt/Westshore Health Unit – Understanding Dementia.
- April 26, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Spruce Room in Centennial Centre – Ways to Help: Supporting People with Dementia and Their Family Members.

For all workshops, pre-registration is required. Contact Christin Hillary for more information at 250-382-2052 or chillary@alzheimerbc.org.

Court Martial Result

On March 21, PO2 Rayment was tried by Standing Court Martial on two charges under section 129 of the NDA – Conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline. The accused plead guilty to both charges and the court sentenced the offender to a reprimand and fine of \$1,000 payable in two payments of \$500 each to be paid on April 15 and May 15.

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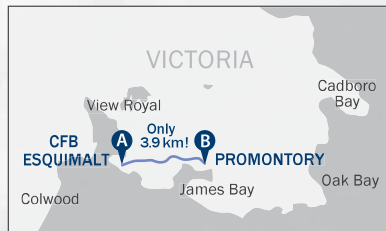


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CPAC Children's Play



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On March 23, 15 youth, enrolled in Personnel Support Program's Spring Break Camp, performed their play for parents and family members at the Colwood Pacific Activity Centre. The camp was jungle-themed, so the play reflected arts and crafts the kids made during the week. Senior campers wrote the script, while junior campers created the set design.

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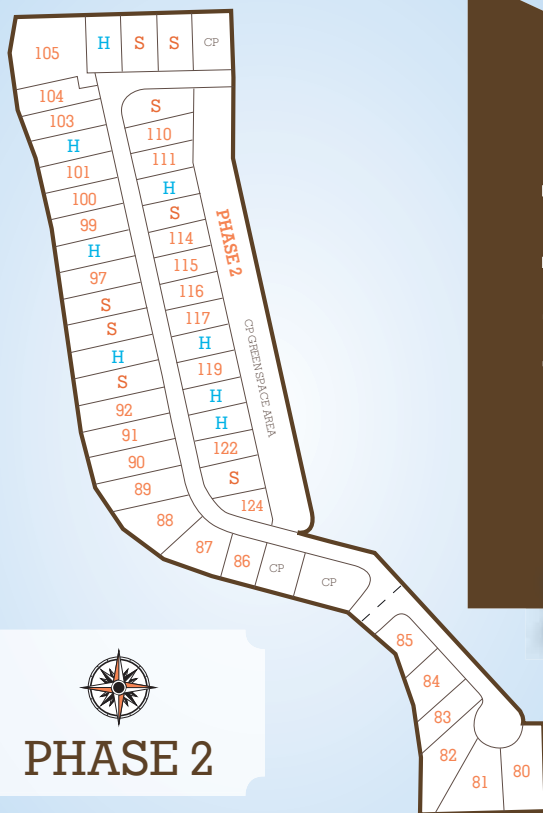
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Macaulay Point fencing erected to protect endangered foliage

Ben Green
Staff Writer

Last week, about 900 metres of cedar split-rail fencing was installed throughout Macaulay Point Park to protect two “at risk” plant species found on the property.

The park, located on 5.5 hectares at Work Point Barracks near Victoria’s Inner Harbour, has seen its populations of dense-flowered lupine and purple sanicle impacted by recreational users.

“The degree of use and the type of use, we would consider crossing the line from disturbance into destruction in some areas,” says Tracy Cornforth, Environment Officer at Formation Safety and Environment. “The challenge of managing this site is, unlike other [DND] properties, this site doesn’t have restricted access.”

Since 1991, Macaulay Point has operated under a license agreement with the Township of Esquimalt, which allows the Township access to use the point for recreational and historical interest purposes.

Visitors to the site can be seen meandering throughout the open meadows; site visitors include a mix of walkers/joggers, dog use, and bikers. Bike use is currently restricted by the Township; however, BMX-style biking does occur down the slopes in the meadow. The recovery strategies for these

species identify high recreational demands as threats to the plants. The plants are protected under the federal *Species at Risk Act*, which prohibits harm and destruction of identified critical habitat.

The Dense-flowered lupine is an annual plant that’s only found in three spots in Canada, with 60 per cent of its total population residing at Macaulay Point. First discovered at the site in 1988, there were 1,500 individuals counted last year. The Purple sanicle is only found at about 20 sites across Canada, with the Macaulay Point population the second largest among them. First discovered at the site in 1973, about 3,000 individuals were counted last year.

“The bottom line is this site is nationally significant for these two rare species,” says Cornforth.

Since 2008, staff from Formation Safety and Environment has been conducting annual biological surveys at the site to determine the number and location of individuals. Results have shown a decline in the numbers of individuals over the four years. Staff have also observed reduced plant growth, complete plant mortality, the inability of the plants to set seed, soil erosion, and complete soil loss.

Cornforth says the implementation of the fences and future informative signage at the park’s entrance will clearly identify the



Macaulay Point Park, located on a coastal bluff near Work Point, has undergone measures to protect two at-risk plant species growing in the area. Cedar fences have been erected to keep park patrons out of the areas where the plant populations are found.

Photo by Ben Green, Lookout

key conservation areas and educate park patrons on the importance of this site.

“[The fences will] re-establish traffic patterns through the park into areas that are more appropriate,” she says.

While the fencing will continue to be monitored and the park surveyed every spring, Cornforth acknowledges the project has been met with some resistance by those who rely on the area for outdoor activities.

“People are used to operating in a certain way,” she says. “The changes are seen by some as a restriction to their access and their dogs.”

However, the two species are

protected by federal legislation, she adds it’s her department’s legal requirement to meet that responsibility.

Macaulay Point is an associated Garry Oak Ecosystem, known as a Maritime Meadow. Garry Oak ecosystems are found within a small portion of south-western B.C., but due to extensive land development, habitat degradation, and invasive species, less than five per cent remain. Garry Oak and associated ecosystems are home to more plant species than any other terrestrial ecosystem in coastal British Columbia, they are extremely rich in biodiversity. More than 100 species of plants and animals in these ecosystems

are deemed to be “at-risk,” either federally or provincially, which means they are deemed to be in danger of disappearing from the wild.

Implementation of the fencing cost \$50,000, which came out of the annual budget of the Natural Resources Program. This program typically oversees an annual budget of around \$500,000-\$600,000. The program supports a variety of natural resources efforts, such as species at risk surveying and monitoring, invasive species removal, archaeological inventories, and GIS work for all CFB Esquimalt administered properties.

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The walls of MWO (Ret'd) Vic Johnson's basement in his Ottawa home are filled with photographs taken by the military photographer throughout his 53-year career.



Photo by MWO Vic Johnson

Above: MWO Johnson was flying in the second seat of this CF-5 when it was struck by a bird over the Primrose Weapons Range at CFB Cold Lake, Alta., in 1978. The damage is clearly visible in this photograph.

RCAF photographer hangs up camera after 53 years

Holly Bridges
RCAF

Vic Johnson recently retired after 53 years of unbroken service to the Canadian Forces and the Air Force Association of Canada, having worked first as a military photographer and, most recently, as editor of Airforce magazine.

If Master Warrant Officer (Ret'd) Vic Johnson had listened to his father in 1959 and become a banker in his hometown of Langruth, Man., he would have never fulfilled his boyhood dream of joining the Royal Canadian Air Force. He would have stayed put on the Prairies, never knowing the excitement and adventure that lay beyond the borders of his small farming community. But at the age of 14, he caught a glimpse of what life was like for people in the air force and he was hooked.

"Back in the 1950s there was a bombing and gunnery range near Langruth for NATO pilot trainees at RCAF Station Macdonald near Portage la Prairie. As kids we grew up with wave after wave of Harvard trainers flying seven days a week on their bombing and gunnery exercises near town," MWO Johnson recalls.

"A small maintenance detachment of airmen from Macdonald was stationed at the range and were accepted as part of the community. Some of them had been in the war and had travelled the world. They always looked so cool in their crisp battle dress uniforms, wedge caps and spit-shined boots. They would be making out with the girls around town and they seemed to be having a lot of fun. I was really drawn to that whole scenario."

In 1959, at the age of 17, MWO Johnson was accepted into the

RCAF and began his career as a military photographer.

"Back then you took what you could get, but I was lucky to be offered photography as a trade. I had bought my first 35 mm camera when I was 15. In fact, I think I was the only person in town that had one, so I think the recruiters could see I was interested in the field and had some experience."

Following training at Camp Borden, Ont., and after working for five years at the so-called "White House" or No. 1 Photographic Establishment at RCAF Station Rockcliffe in Ottawa (the "home" of Canadian military photography), MWO Johnson, his wife Marg and two-year-old son Keith were offered a posting to No. 1 Fighter Wing in Marville, France. It was one of four RCAF wings established in Europe in the early 1950s to support NATO in Europe during the Cold War. At Marville, the RCAF operated two photo reconnaissance squadrons of CF-104 Starfighters, 439 (Sabre Toothed Tiger) and 441 (Silver Fox) Squadrons.

"I started at Marville as a servicing and maintenance technician with the CF-104 photo reconnaissance program. And then we closed the base at Marville in 1967 and re-established the wing at Lahr, Germany. In 1969 I was posted back to the White House in Ottawa, now with a one-year-old daughter in tow. During this posting in Ottawa I was introduced to aviation photography and, among other things, was assigned on an ongoing basis to travel throughout Canada to update the air-to-air file photographs of all CF aircraft. That was a great assignment!"

From those early days in the 60s and early 70s, MWO Johnson went on to become one of the most sto-

ried military photographers of his day, combining his love of photography with a natural flair for storytelling. He travelled to almost 40 countries, covering a 1973 tour of Canada by the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India; the 1976 Summer Olympics royal tour with Queen Elizabeth and her family; the 1991 Gulf War; and everything else in between.

In the wake of Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, MWO Johnson sailed with a three-ship task force to the Persian Gulf region, joining the Canadian headquarters in Bahrain in November.

In the summer 2011 edition of Airforce magazine, MWO Johnson recalls that in "the early hours of Jan. 16, all hell broke loose. At 2 a.m., Commodore Ken Summers, the Canadian commander-in-chief, summoned the headquarters staff to the coffee room and declared, 'We are at war', and that massive air strikes were taking place in Baghdad.

"We could hear the attacking aircraft above, flying from airfields in Bahrain and Qatar, and from aircraft carriers in the Gulf to strike targets throughout Iraq.... [As we] crowded into our unlit bomb shelter...a young administrative clerk next to me who had left her young baby in Victoria sobbed uncontrollably in her gas mask. I recall questioning the wisdom of sending such a young mother into this frightening situation. The missile missed and impacted in nearby Dharan [Saudi Arabia], but it was to be the first of many similar threats in the next month. We soon tired of them."

MWO Johnson easily describes his time at the Aerospace Engineering Test and Establishment at CFB (now 4

Wing) Cold Lake, Alta, in the late 1970s as his most rewarding and most challenging time as a Canadian Forces photographer.

On the one hand, he loved his two years flying in the back seat of CF-104 Starfighters, CF-5 Freedom Fighters and CT-133 Silver Stars, photographing and filming air weapons testing projects. On the other hand, he experienced the "most frightening moment" of his life in June 1978 when the CF-5 fighter in which he was flying struck a large pelican in mid-air.

"We'd just come across Primrose Lake at high speed and low level into the range area and we knew there were a lot of seagulls and other birds around because they looked like white cannon balls flashing by us while flying at 450 knots [800 kilometres an hour]. 'We'd done about four or five runs and on our last pass before heading home, we were at about 200 feet and then blacked out on the pull-up from the target zone because of the G- force. After the initial shock, and as soon as we became conscious, I looked at the front cockpit and all I could see was blood and gore all over my pilot's canopy. It was horrible."

He feared something terrible had happened to his pilot, Major Rae Simpson, while Maj Simpson feared something had happened to his photographer.

"Bells and whistles were going off and the whole instrument panel was lit up like a Christmas tree because we had lost much of our electrics and communications. One engine was compressor stalling and sounded like it was backfiring. I initially thought my pilot was dead and that it was his head that had exploded because I had no idea what had happened.

We were in a steep climb at the time when suddenly he came over the intercom and said, 'Vic, can you talk to me? I don't know what happened but it looks like we might have to get out of here. Get yourself ready to punch out.' It was a mixture of relief that my pilot was okay, and greater fear because of the perils we still faced."

Maj Simpson was covered in blood, guts, feathers and semi-digested fish when they eventually landed safely back at the base after a harrowing approach and let-down. It was later discovered they had struck a 16-pound (seven kilogram) pelican, part of which had bounced off into the starboard engine and destroyed the engine and that the remainder of the bird had punched through the pressure bulkhead around the pilot's feet and exploded inside the front cockpit.

"It was the scariest thing I was ever involved in."

Luckily, MWO Johnson never experienced that kind of life-threatening incident again. He served 32 years in the Regular Force as a photographer and photojournalist. In 1991, after retiring from the Canadian Forces, he joined the staff of Airforce magazine – the flagship publication of the Air Force Association of Canada. He later became editor of the magazine, a position from which he recently took his second retirement.

MWO Johnson sums up his career and his 53 years of service to the Air Force as a military and civilian photographer and storyteller in a few simple words: "It's been absolutely fantastic. The best career you could ever hope for. Certainly better than being a bank manager."

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Sailor pens poetic prose

Ben Green
Staff Writer

Like the ebb and flow of the sea, AB Carly Wickens poetry is a reflection of the highs and lows of her life.

For more than 10 years she's been penning her emotional state in poems, and last February felt ready to release to the public her first book, sensibly titled "A Book of Poetry."

Filled with 74 poems and 34 accompanying photos, the book reads like pages of a diary describing love, loss, and the breadth of military life.

"There are romantic poems, sappy love poems, risqué love ones, inspirational ones, military ones, and some written because other

people asked me to write them," says AB Wickens, a Naval Combat Information Operator at CFB Esquimalt.

A handful of the poems are fictional, but the majority stem from real, and often painful, experiences over the years; the key catalyst being a break up.

"I've been compiling them [the poems] over 10 years," she says. "It started out with my heart being broken. I didn't know how to get over it, so I wrote."

Anger, pain, and frustration poured onto pages in an artful plea to rationalize the situation. However, in one of those Hollywood twists of fate, after not speaking to her past love for eight years, she reconnected with him through social media

shortly after completing basic training in the fall of 2008. Three-and-a-half years later, they remain together, and the rekindled relationship spawned a change in direction for her poems. The complete spectrum of love-to-loss-to-love is on display in the pages of her book.

At first, she says, putting her most intimate and raw feelings into public domain was frightening, but to date she's received only positive feedback from customers, with some even telling her it's given them courage in dealing with their own struggles.

While a few of her works, such as "Do You See" and "In Remembrance", hold a special place for her, she says all her poems are the

product of a mindset she enters when she begins to write. Poetry has become an outlet for coming to terms with the emotional ups and downs of life.

"Most of the time when I write, I just feel and it comes out," she says.

While she understands her book isn't going to appeal to everyone, she hopes those who read it can find some comfort in her words and she welcomes their thoughts.

"I would really love feedback, positive or negative, but preferably just constructive," she adds.

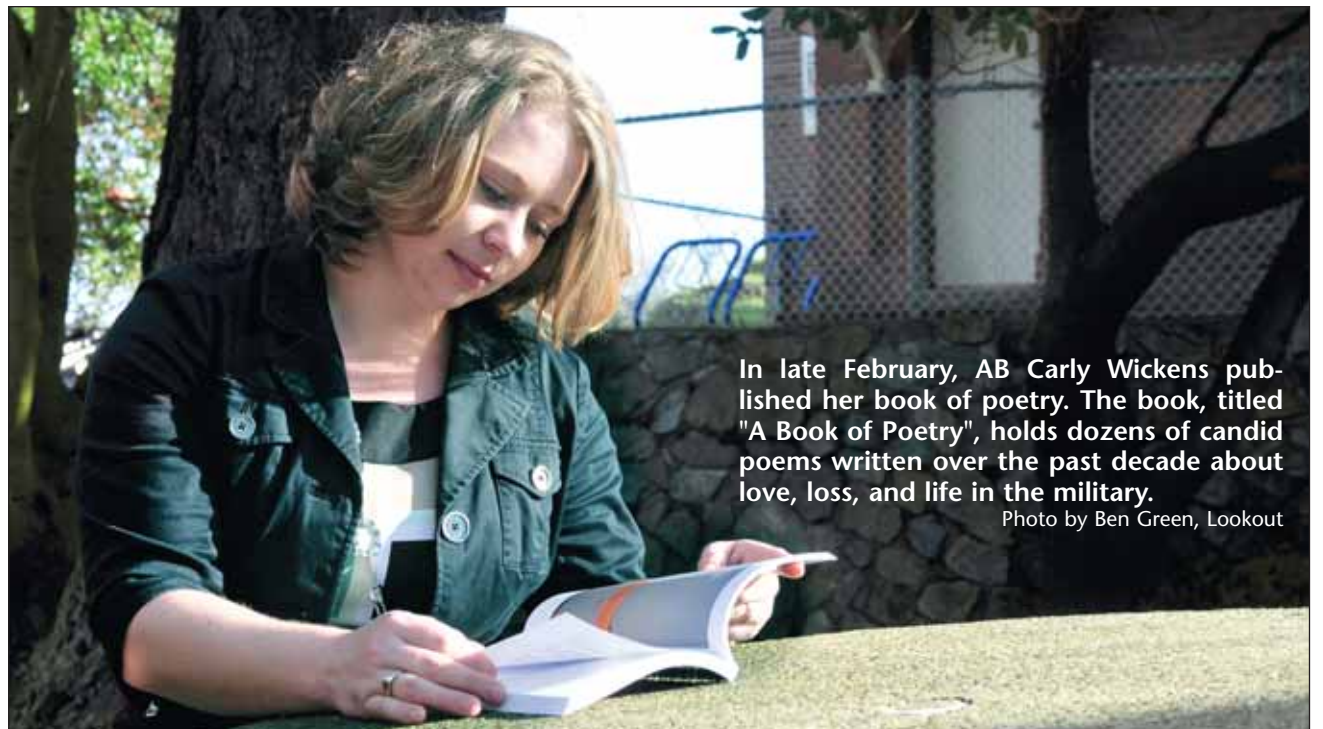
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In late February, AB Carly Wickens published her book of poetry. The book, titled "A Book of Poetry", holds dozens of candid poems written over the past decade about love, loss, and life in the military.

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AIR FORCE NEWS

New Honorary Colonel for 19 Wing

Lt Trevor Reid
19 Wing PAO

19 Air Maintenance Squadron (AMS) welcomed its newest member, Honorary Colonel (HCol) John Marinus, Wednesday, March 28, at a ceremony held at 19 Wing Comox.

HCol Marinus, a past five-term Comox Councilor and named 2009 "Comox Valley Citizen of the Year" is well-known for his work in charitable and service groups like the Rotary Club. He is a great fit at 19 AMS, which is heavily involved in the United Way and the "You are Not Alone" (YANA) program fundraising throughout the year.

"HCol Marinus is an outstanding, active volunteer, dedicated to service with the local Fire Department and the community at large," said Major Chris Shapka, Commanding Officer, 19 AMS. "As a mechanic at heart, he can relate to 19 AMS's mandate and its personnel. He will represent our unit exceptionally well in the community, and we look forward to his tenure."

I'd like to personally welcome HCol Marinus and his wife Lynne to the 19 AMS family."

Although their roles are "honorary and advisory", Honorary Colonels are integral members of the RCAF family, vital to fostering esprit de corps within their units. They may mentor the commanding officer and members of the unit, help build relationships with other units and the community, and aid in ensuring the maintenance of customs and traditions. HCol Marinus will be a notable public face of 19 AMS wherever he goes in the community, whether in his new military uniform or in his more traditional civilian attire.

19 AMS provides second-line aircraft maintenance support to the flying squadrons at 19 Wing, as well as to 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron in Victoria. 19 AMS personnel include a wide variety of highly skilled technicians and support trades personnel, responsible for maintaining aircraft structures, avionics and life support systems. 19 AMS



also provides Explosive Ordnance Disposal services to 19 Wing and various areas within British Columbia and the Yukon. 19 AMS was established in 1993, when CFB Comox was officially designated as 19 Wing.

Photo by Pte Dan Moore, 19 Wing Imaging
Honorary Colonel John Marinus (left) is welcomed into the 19 Air Maintenance Squadron family by Major Chris Shapka, Commanding Officer 19 AMS, during a ceremony at the 19 Wing Officers Mess Wednesday, March 28.

Injured hiker rescued

Lt Trevor Reid
19 Wing PAO

Members of 442 Squadron and the Canadian Coast Guard worked together to evacuate an injured hiker Saturday March 24, who had fallen down a 30-foot shoreline embankment near Sombrio Point, at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Joint Rescue Coordination Centre Victoria dispatched Canadian Coast Guard Ship *Bartlett* and a Cormorant helicopter from 19 Wing Comox, to Sombrio Point, 15 kilometres south of Port Renfrew, after local emergency health services were unable to reach the hiker, who was stranded in a rocky tidal area.

Personnel from CCGS *Bartlett's* fast response craft arrived on scene at 8:30 p.m. and were able to stabilize the patient before the Cormorant arrived overhead.

"Due to the multitude of lights in the nearby campground, it was hard to find the scene, but the Coast Guard helped direct us to the exact spot by radio," said Capt Luc Coates, aircraft commander.

Once over the patient,

the aircrew had to work carefully to get the Search and Rescue Technicians (SAR Techs) on the ground.

"We couldn't get too low to the surface due to the tall trees and steep embankment," said Master Corporal Chris Buglar, Flight Engineer and hoist operator. "We had to hoist the SAR Techs down 160 feet, which is close to our maximum cable length."

The hoist operation was quick, thanks to the Coast Guard personnel who had already loaded the patient onto a litter. The helicopter then flew to Victoria General Hospital where the patient was transferred in stable condition.

Search and Rescue (SAR) incidents under the federal SAR mandate are defined as "all aircraft incidents and all marine incidents in waters under federal jurisdiction. With the exception of federally owned National Parks, the overall responsibility for land and inland water search and rescue rests with the provinces, territories and municipalities. The Canadian Forces may, however, provide assistance to land and inland water rescues when possible.

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 Cpl Colin McGregor, RMS Clerk from Fleet Maintenance Facility (FMF) Cape Breton, is welcomed home March 27 after his deployment to Afghanistan. Also greeting him at the Victoria International Airport were Capt(N) Smith, FMF Commanding Officer; LCdr Merz, FMF Executive Officer; CPO1 Petten, FMF Coxswain; Cpl Patey, FMF Coxswain's Clerk; and CPO1 Graham-Smith, from MARPAC/JTFP.

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I Quit: Knippel re-visited



After one month abstaining from tobacco, Capt(N) Mike Knippel, Maritime Forces Pacific Chief of Staff, shares his thoughts with Lookout on how it's going.

1. What has been the most difficult thing about quitting so far?

After the first two days of physical withdrawal, the toughest part has been the empty feeling of not knowing what to do with my time. At so many cues I would have a cigarette; now I still get confused when those triggers come around.

2. What do you miss most about smoking?

Although the physical addiction is gone, for the most part, I still feel a deep desire often to get smoke into my lungs. This comes at times when I notice the taste and feeling of smoking is gone from my lungs. It's pretty strange.

3. Has anyone within the Formation taken you up on your offer to join you in quitting and contacted you throughout the month yet?

I was disappointed, actually. I received lots of encouragement from a variety of directions, but only one acknowledgement of an attempt to quit because of my challenge. I haven't followed up to see if he succeeded.

4. What are some activities you've turned to in order to stave off cravings?

More hiking with my dog; I'm getting pretty intimate with Gowlland-Tod, Tod Inlet, and the Partridge Hills.

5. Anything you're saving up for now that money isn't going towards cigarettes?

I bought a GPS for my hiking. Recording everywhere I

go, especially the lesser-used trails that aren't found on any maps, is pretty fun.

6. How do you keep motivated during this initial period of quitting?

I use the same reasons I chose to bear down and really quit this time. It keeps me going. Mind you, I have cheated on a few occasions, and I have to remind myself of why I chose to quit. It works, but it remains really hard.

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Set sail for Military Studies Conference

Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, the 2012 Vancouver Military Studies Conference is scheduled for April 13 - 14.

The Conference will be held in a newly renovated presentation venue, Room 420 at the downtown campus of Vancouver Community College (VCC). VCC is located at the corner of Dunsmuir and Hamilton Streets in downtown Vancouver, close to the Stadium/Chinatown Skytrain station and The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) Beatty Street Drill Hall.

The Conference is open to the public, along with the serving and retired military community, with the aim of enhancing public awareness, education and appreciation for the role of the Canadian Forces in our society. The conference honours the history and heritage of the nation's fighting men and women who have served their country with dedication and sacrifice.

The Conference will kick off with the keynote speaker on Friday evening, 7 p.m. Professor Terry Copp, Professor Emeritus of History at Wilfrid Laurier University, will present the William Hart-McHarg Memorial Lecture on "War and Memory: Canada and the Second Battle of Ypres." Professor Copp is one of Canada's leading military historians, and is the author of a number of best-selling books on Canadian military history, including "Fields of Fire" and "Cinderella Army", two books that have revolutionized the

understanding of the role the soldiers of 1st Canadian Army played in the Northwest Europe campaign in 1944 - 1945. Professor Copp is also the Director of the Laurier Centre for Military, Strategic and Defence Studies, one of the Conference's sponsoring organizations.

A full day of presentations will be held on Saturday, April 14 on topics related to Canadian military history and international security issues important to Canada's defence commitments. They include:

- Oral history of British Columbia veterans of the First World War.
- Innovations in naval air power in the 1930s initiated by Air Vice Marshal Raymond Collishaw, a Canadian serving in the Royal Air Force.
- The role of Chinese-Canadian veterans in the Second World War.
- Canada's comprehensive efforts in Afghanistan during and after the mission change that took place in 2011.
- A presentation on *Coalition Command* by Brigadier-General Andre Corbould, the Canadian Deputy Commander of US 10th Mountain Division when it relieved the Canadian Task Force in Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2011.

The Capstone speaker will be retired Lieutenant-General Ray Crabbe, CMM, MSC, CD, a former Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff, who will

speak on the subject, "Canada's Post Cold War Military - The Balkans and Beyond".

Hosts for the Conference are the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own) Museum Society and the Laurier Centre for Military, Strategic and Disarmament Studies. Conference sponsors include the University of British Columbia - Centre of International Relations - Security and Defence Forum, the Royal United Services Institute-Vancouver and the Regimental Associations of the Royal Westminster Regiment and the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada.

Details and timings for the Conference, as well as registration for attendance, may be found at: <http://2012vancouvermilitarystudiesconference.eventbrite.com>

Cost for both days of the Conference is only \$25 for regular registration and \$15 for students and junior ranks - and that includes coffee and lunch. There is limited seating for the Conference, so people intending to attend are encouraged to sign up early to avoid being disappointed. 39 Canadian Brigade Group HQ has authorized the Conference as a Professional Development event and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information: Captain John Perry, The British Columbia Regiment Public Affairs Officer, Cell: (604) 803-1070, Email: john.perry@militaryart.ca

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Advertorial

Wrong agent can cost thousands in relocation

By Tristan Stewart-Robinson

A military relocation is no simple task. Choosing the wrong real estate agent can make it a nightmare.

"The biggest pitfall a member faces when relocating is choosing the wrong agent," says Vanessa Roman, a successful Halifax agent and a military wife. "In real estate, mistakes are costly. If the agent you choose doesn't give you sound advice, you risk buying the wrong property, at the wrong price in the wrong neighbourhood."

Roman says she's seen far too many military families burdened with two mortgages because they can't sell their house when it comes time to relocate again.

Because relocating members usually only get a week for their house hunting trip (HHT), Roman says they need to select an agent who can dedicate themselves to the housing search for the full week they are in town.

"Generally, members move every four years," she notes. "They must use agents who will find them a new home which suits their needs, is within budget and will sell quickly, and for more money, when they are posted out of the area."

Along with finding a home that is close to such amenities as schools, shopping, doctors' offices, recreation facilities, Roman says it's also extremely beneficial to have other military families in the neighbourhood.

"Having the support and friendship of other military families is key when moving to a new city," she explains. "Too many families have felt isolated from their civilian neighbours because they can't understand the unique stress of military life - deployments, language barriers, and the emotional turmoil of saying goodbye to friends

and family during posting season."

Roman knows those stresses all too well. Married to Major Jason Roman, a helicopter pilot at CFB Shearwater, she says her experience as a military spouse is invaluable when it comes to working on a military relocation.

"I am the agent every military member wants to have on a house hunting trip," she adds. "I come from a military family, I am married to a military guy, I have personally been through the relocation process, and I grew up in Halifax."

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-Vanessa Roman
Reno vs Relocate, HGTV

"I understand the unique challenges of a military posting. But, more importantly, I am a confident and extremely successful real estate agent. I have the education, the area knowledge, the negotiating skills and the reputation to get the member the best deal on the property."

Roman is a registered real estate agent with Brookfield Global Relocation, is an active member of the Nova Scotia Association of REALTORS® and a member of

the Canadian Real Estate Association. She holds degrees in Economics from Dalhousie University and Journalism from the University of King's College.

Her skills have even drawn the attention of producers at the HGTV network, who have handed her hosting duties on a new real estate series called "Reno vs. Relocate," which will air on Monday nights at 9:00PM on the HGTV network starting May 28th.

"Hosting a national TV show hopefully means someone thinks I know what I'm talking about when it comes to buying and selling real estate," Roman jokes.

You can contact Vanessa Roman through her website at www.vanessaroman.ca. You can also follow her on Twitter @VanessaRomanTV.



Premieres Monday May 28 at 9 pm on HGTV
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Tensions rise over Falklands Islands

Dan Baart
Office of the Asia Pacific Advisor

The dispute over ownership of the Falkland Islands is once again heating up, just in time for the 30th anniversary of a war that started on April 2, 1982, when Argentinean forces invaded the small chain of islands in the South Atlantic Ocean.

Though the British military was able to reclaim the islands just two months later, the Argentinean government has never given up its claim to the islands.

The early history of the islands saw settlement by British, Spanish, and Argentinean colonists; none stayed for very long, until the British established a naval station in 1840. Britain bases its sovereignty on this early claim, as well as the fact that the current residents of the islands – numbering just over 3,000 – are overwhelmingly in favour of remaining British citizens. Argentina says its people were forced from the islands when the British arrived, and has never withdrawn its claim to the islands, which it calls the Islas Malvinas.

Recent exploration activi-

ties on the part of British petroleum companies have attracted the attention of the Argentinean government, which has protested efforts to develop oil and gas resources in the disputed areas. They have also expressed irritation at the British military presence, which was bolstered after the 1982 war, and is generally comprised of a frigate and a patrol vessel from the Royal Navy, a flight of Royal Air Force fighters, and around 500 army personnel. Argentina has accused Britain of increasing this presence in light of potential oil discoveries, though London says the ships and troops recently sent to the island are part of a regular rotation.

Neither side is looking for a fight.

Argentina is in a poor state economically and militarily, and the same could be said for Britain, though to a lesser degree. The promise of oil reserves – which have been estimated to amount to nearly three times the current British reserves – has likely raised the stakes. This means that diplomatic and legal efforts to force the issue will likely increase, particularly as Argentina

enlists the help of other former colonies in portraying Britain as an unapologetic colonial power. This approach has gained support in South America, though much of the rest of the world has tried to stay out of the dispute.

Some say drawing attention to the islands was a means for the Argentinean government to distract the public from problems within the country itself, though it is likely the government in Buenos Aires is convinced that continued

pressure could lead to negotiations in which Britain agrees to grant access to the petroleum resources, if not more.

While it is unlikely that another war will break out, the nasty exchanges between Buenos Aires and London are likely to continue.

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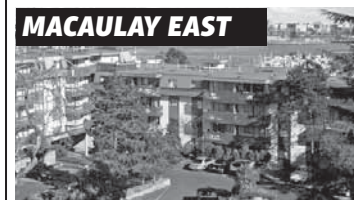
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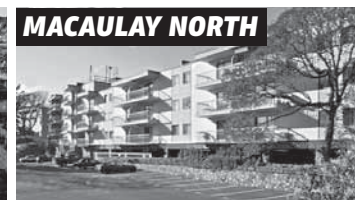
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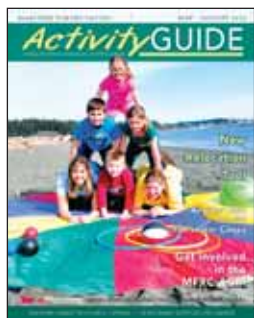
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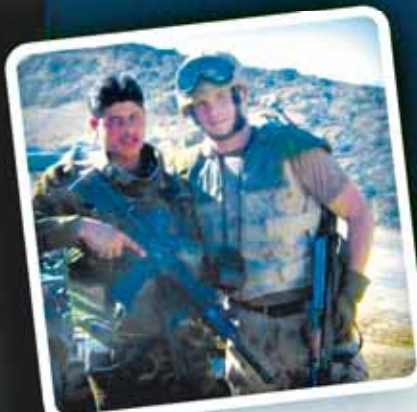
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